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TO: Ambassador Albright  
FROM: POL - Cameron R. Hume *CRH*  
SUBJECT: August 9 Security Council Informals: Rwanda

**BACKGROUND**

Today the Security Council will take up the issue of the Presidential Statement on Rwanda. A working group will not yet have convened to discuss the specific language.

In any case, the draft statement is fine, based on informal discussions with the Department. Although bland, it does contain the desired messages: to the government of Rwanda--no reprisals and cooperate with the Commission of Experts; to members of the former interim government--stop intimidating refugees; to donors and international organizations--keep up the good work and deploy UNAMIR quickly. It also reaffirms Arusha and supports the deployment of human rights monitors.

As we hoped, the draft does not contain a reference to foreign troops under UN command or Security Council authorization. It also does not contain a reference to UNAMIR's mandate. I believe this is a good strategy as a reference in the statement might encourage those delegations that want a new Security Council resolution to authorize the revised mandate.

The Department would like the statement to call for more human rights monitors than the 20 proposed by the High Commissioner--however, this isn't a showstopper.

On another topic, I understand from Washington that A/S Shattuck did have very productive conversations with the Rwandan Government on the issue of an international tribunal as reported in the NYT today.

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**TALKING POINTS**

- o Thank you Ambassador Garekhan for your report.
- o I would also like to thank the French delegation for its a comprehensive statement that seems to incorporate most of the views expressed yesterday.
- o I'm pleased to see that the statement condemns intimidation in the refugee camps and warns the Rwandan Government against reprisals as well as urging it to cooperate with the Commission of Experts.
- o I note also the statement's reaffirmation of the Arusha accords and its endorsement of the participation of regional actors in the Rwandan reconciliation process.
- o My government would also support the inclusion of a strengthened reference to human rights monitors that calls for a deployment beyond the 20 suggested by the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- o I would be interested in hearing the views of other Council members on this subject and on the other aspects of this most important and timely statement.

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